

BY: Senator MANNION

MOURNING the untimely death and paying tribute to the life and heroic service of Officer Michael E. Jensen who died in the line of duty on April 14, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of a courageous and exemplary Syracuse Police Officer who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family and to the residents of Syracuse, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the tragic and untimely death of Officer Michael E. Jensen, who made the ultimate sacrifice while faithfully executing his responsibilities to serve and protect his community on Sunday, April 14, 2024; he was twenty-nine; and

WHEREAS, A two-and-a-half-year member of the Syracuse Police Department, Officer Michael E. Jensen exemplified what it truly means to give of himself in providing vital police services in keeping with the noble mission of the Syracuse Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Officer Michael E. Jensen was extremely proud to wear the Syracuse Police Department badge, and help serve and protect the City he was so proud of; and

WHEREAS, An ambitious and hardworking young man, Officer Michael E. Jensen graduated from the Syracuse Regional Police Academy in August of 2022, before joining the ranks of the Syracuse Police Department and serving honorably in the Patrol Division on the Third Platoon throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Officer Michael E. Jensen served the Syracuse Police Department with dedication, loyalty, and compassion, earning the admiration, affection, and esteem of his brothers and sisters in blue; and,

WHEREAS, A stalwart model of exemplary law enforcement service, Officer Michael E. Jensen was the proud recipient of the Officer of the Month award in December of 2023; and

WHEREAS, A devoted son, brother and officer, Officer Michael E. Jensen loved spending time with his family; he is survived by his parents, Paul and Michelle; sister, Shelli; as well as numerous other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Officer Michael E. Jensen's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his life of service and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Officer Michael E. Jensen leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of Officer Michael E. Jensen, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Officer Michael E. Jensen.